GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:26
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2000
NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ENQUIRY COMMISSION
BIR SING MAHATO;MOINUL HASSAN AHAMED

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the terms and conditions of M.K.Mukherjee Enquiry Commission constituted to unravel the mystry behind the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose;

(b) whether the Government are co-operating with Justice Mukherjee Commission;

(c) if so, the reasons for non-appearance of Union Government officials and counsels before the commission for affidavit and witness on the successive dates of hearing; and

(d) the time by which the Commission is likely to submit its report?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (L.K.ADVANI)

(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.26 T ANSWERED ON 21.11.2000.

(a) The terms of reference of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry are to inquire into all the facts and circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith, including:-

(a) whether Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose is dead or alive;

(b) if he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;

(c) whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji;

(d) whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;

(e) if he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

The Commission shall also examine the manner in which the exercise of scrutiny of publications touching upon the question of death or otherwise of Netaji can be undertaken by the Central Government in the circumstances.

(b)&(c) The Government is extending full cooperation to the Justice MukherjeeCommission of Inquiry. Four affidavits have been filed on behalf of different Ministries of the Central Government so far. Five officials have appeared from time to time in connection with filing of affidavits/hearings of the Commission.

Compliance of directions of the Commission has been delayed in certain cases due to the procedure involved in declassification of documents/consultations with concerned Ministries etc.

A Government Counsel has since been appointed to represent the Central Government before the Commission.

(d) The extended term of the Commission is up to 14.05.2001.